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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1216

House Bill No. 530*

by deleting subdivision (4) in Section 5 and substituting instead the following:

(4) Tuition reimbursement amounts that a member is eligible to receive under this part must be offset and reduced by the aggregate amount of state and federal ~~education financial assistance received by the member during the semester or~~ educational term, unless federal law or regulation requires otherwise, in which case federal priority controls. Such assistance includes, but is not limited to, the Tennessee Promise scholarship, the Tennessee Reconnect grant, the Tennessee HOPE scholarship, and similar state assistance, as such assistance programs or grants may be amended, as well as Tennessee student assistance awards, the federal Pell grant, Montgomery GI Bill benefits, Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, and federal tuition assistance program benefits;



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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1218

House Bill No. 531*

by deleting subdivision (b)(2) of Section 1 and substituting instead the following:

(2) "Eligible postsecondary institution" means a postsecondary institution that is eligible for the Tennessee education lottery scholarship, as defined in § 49-4-902, on July 1, 2013, and remains eligible thereafter;

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in subdivision (c)(1) of Section 1, the word "bachelor" and substituting instead the word "baccalaureate".

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting subdivision (d)(2) of Section 1 and substituting instead the following:

(2) Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 at the end of each academic year as determined by the institution attended;

AND FURTHER AMEND by inserting the following as a new subsection (i) of Section 1 and renumbering the subsequent subsections accordingly:

(i) Notwithstanding subsection (h), the amount of the Tennessee reconnect grant at an eligible four-year public postsecondary institution or an eligible private institution shall be the average cost of tuition and mandatory fees at the public two-year postsecondary institutions less all other gift aid. Gift aid shall be credited first to the average tuition and mandatory fees as described in subsection (h);

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 2 in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(27), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following language:



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(27) "Nontraditional student" means a student who is at least twenty-five (25) years of age and who enrolls in a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible four-year postsecondary institution:

(A) As an entering freshman; or

(B) At least two (2) years after last attending any postsecondary institution;

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 3 in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-914, is amended by deleting subsections (a) and (c) in their entireties and substituting instead the following language:

(a) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the general assembly and any provision of law relating to a shortfall in funds available for postsecondary financial assistance from the net proceeds of the state lottery, the amount of a Tennessee HOPE scholarship and Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nontraditional students awarded to a student attending an eligible four-year postsecondary institution while enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program shall be one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750) for full-time attendance for each semester. This award amount shall apply to each entering freshman in the fall term of 2015, and thereafter, and shall continue through the final semester of such student's sophomore year. The determination of a student's status as a freshman or sophomore shall be made by the postsecondary institution attended.

(c) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the general assembly and any provision of law relating to a shortfall in funds available for postsecondary financial assistance from the net proceeds of the state lottery, a Tennessee HOPE scholarship awarded to a student attending an eligible two-year postsecondary institution shall be one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for full-time attendance for each semester.

This award amount shall apply to the initial entering freshman class beginning in the fall term of 2015 and to each entering class thereafter.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 8 in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-931(a)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

Enroll in a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible four-year postsecondary institution and attempt at least twelve (12) semester hours;

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by deleting Section 9 of the printed bill and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-14-106, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

(a) The hiring of community college internal auditors shall be done upon the recommendation of the institutional presidents with the approval of the chancellor or designee of the board of regents system. Termination of employment of community college internal auditors shall require prior approval by the chancellor of the board of regents system and the board's audit committee.

(b) The hiring of campus internal auditors shall be done upon the recommendation of the institutional presidents with the approval of the chancellor or the University of Tennessee president or designee as applicable. Termination of employment of campus internal auditors shall require prior approval by the chancellor or University of Tennessee president as applicable and the board audit committee. Annual or other periodic audits of chief executives shall be performed by an internal auditor or auditors who do not report to the chief executive being audited.

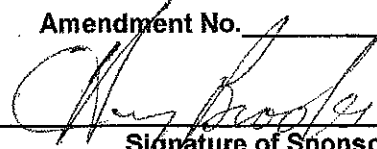
(c) Annual or other periodic audits of chief executives shall be performed by an internal auditor or auditors who are not employees of the institution of the chief executive being audited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, internal auditors or auditors who report to the board audit committee may perform annual or other periodic audits of the chancellor of the board of regents system or the University of Tennessee president.



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AMEND Senate Bill No. 732

House Bill No. 396*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-1506, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

~~(a) As applicable to Tennessee SARA institutions, the commission's complaint~~
investigation and resolution under this part shall be limited to complaints:

- (1) Filed by a student residing in a member state other than Tennessee;
- (2) Where the complaint involves a distance education course or program offered by a Tennessee SARA institution;
- (3) Where the student has exhausted the Tennessee SARA institution's grievance process; and
- (4) Where the complaint concerns a requirement imposed solely by the state authorization reciprocity agreement and not imposed by federal law, state law, or the institution's policies.

(b) A complaint filed with the commission shall be in writing and shall set forth the grounds for the complaint, explain any steps taken to exhaust the Tennessee SARA institution grievance process, identify the basis for the commission's jurisdiction under SARA, include any relevant documents, and contain other information that is required by the commission.

(c) The commission shall initially consult with the Tennessee SARA institution indicated in the complaint.

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(1) In the event that consultation with the Tennessee SARA institution does not result in resolution of the complaint, then the commission shall request a copy of the complaint investigation file and any other related documents from the Tennessee SARA institution for further review.

(2) The commission may request from the complainant or the Tennessee SARA institution answers in writing to questions propounded by the commission. The answers shall be provided within fourteen (14) days of the request.

(3) The commission may, at its discretion, attempt to effectuate a settlement. In the event that a settlement is neither sought nor reached, commission staff shall recommend a resolution of the complaint to the executive director.

(4) In the event that a settlement is not reached or a party to the complaint disagrees with the determination of the executive director, the party may request a hearing before the commission. Upon receiving a request for hearing, the commission shall consider the request in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

(5) If, upon all the evidence at a hearing, it is found that a Tennessee SARA institution has engaged in or is engaging in any act or practice contrary to SARA as set forth in subsection (a), subject to the requirements of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, the commission may take such actions necessary to prevent the act or practice from continuing. If the commission finds that the complainant suffered loss or damage as a result of the act or practice, the commission, subject to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, may award the complainant full or partial restitution for the damage or loss.

(e) The commission shall also have the authority to assist or refer any Tennessee resident with a grievance against a non-Tennessee SARA institution to the

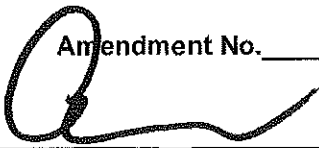
appropriate agency in the other state, to follow up on the outcome of the grievance, and to assist the other state with the investigation and resolution.

(f) Apart from any rights or remedies created by this part, nothing in this part is intended to limit or restrict, or to create or expand, any right that any person may have under any existing common law or statute to seek any legal, equitable, or administrative remedy. Without limiting the foregoing, the commission shall not address complaints regarding student grades or student conduct violations.

SECTION 2. ~~This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring~~

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 341*

House Bill No. 720

by deleting the amendatory language of Section 1 and substituting instead the following:

The school counselor may refer or help facilitate a referral of a parent or legal guardian's student to a counselor or therapist for mental health assessments or services. If a school counselor refers a student to a counselor or other mental health provider, neither the LEA nor the school counselor shall bear the cost of such services provided to the student.



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